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Wisconsin Senate Advances Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

[Madison, WI] Today, the Wisconsin Senate voted to advance Senate Bill 179, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act after the bill's passage was recommended by the Committee on Health and Human Services last week. The bill seeks to protect unborn children considered capable of experiencing pain from the agonizing procedure of an abortion by prohibiting such procedures after 20 weeks post-fertilization.

Senator Scott Fitzgerald, (R-Juneau) released the following statement:

“As a legislator with a long pro-life record, I was proud to act as a cosponsor for this important bill. The decision to end the life of a human baby should no more be given after 20 weeks of pregnancy than after birth. No child capable of feeling pain should ever have to experience the horror inherent in these procedures.

This bill is about protecting unborn children from being tortured, and should be neither partisan nor controversial.”

The bill, which was debated in a Joint Public Hearing with the Assembly Committee on Health last week, now must be taken up by the full State Assembly for consideration before it can be signed into law.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) represent the 13th Senate District, which covers portions of Dodge, Jefferson, Waukesha, Washington, Dane, and Columbia counties.

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